

South Wellington Coin Society

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Welcome to another issue of the SWCS news bulletin. This is your highlight reel of last month's meeting as well as a preview of the meeting coming soon. In the words of our new president, Scott Douglas, this is your club and our club. This is an opportunity to network amongst ourselves and share information. While the meetings are an excellent opportunity to support each other in looking for a key date or confirming a grade we also hope you might have contributions to make to the monthly bulletin. Maybe you have some certain information to share; a tale to tell or just have some personal musings on the world of numismatics. As we mature through our growing pains we also hope to get these bulletins to you well in advance of the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

While the membership is still growing the SWCS is always looking for new members to join our ranks. Encourage friend and family to come out. Membership is still a bargain at only \$10 or sign the whole family up for a mere \$12. Those that have paid their dues received their membership cards at the June meeting. These cards are sporting the finalized SWCS logo and come complete with a holder. Thanks go to our treasurer, Bob, for putting these together.

THE COMING OF THE FIRST SWCS MEDAL

Bob took the floor to update us on his progress towards minting the first SWCS medal. While our logo would grace one side of the planchet, Bob has been looking for a design and text to occupy the reverse. Bob showed some prospective designs he has dug up. These included a museum and a church from the area as well as some train designs. The local railway museum sweeten

the pot by offering to purchase a number of our medals. Be sure to see Bob if you will be interested in purchasing medals or if you have any suggestions for their design.

JUNE'S FEATURE PRESENTATION

At our last gathering, an award winning collection of medals and trade dollars took us on a steam locomotive journey across our nation. Through the slide show we travelled from sea to sea with stops along the way in such places as Squamish, B.C. to Big Valley Alberta to Moosejaw in Saskatchewan and Swan River in Manitoba. We carried on through Chapleau, Ontario to Montreal in Quebec and Moncton in New Brunswick. Our travels wrapped up on the East Coast in such places as Amherst, Nova Scotia and Charlottetown in P.E.I. as well as a look at the "Newfie Bullet" in Newfoundland. Credit goes to Norm and Noreen Howcroft for compiling such an impressive collection and producing the slide show. Thanks go the CNN for the use of the slides and Tony for his efforts as our A/V technician.

Another highlight of the June meeting was home baked cookies at the refreshment table. Thanks Betty!

For Your Daybook

July 2, 1997 - 8:00

South Wellington Coin Society meeting

Aug. 6, 1997 - 8:00

South Wellington Coin Society meeting

Nov. 1, 1997 - 9-5:00

The CNA Numismatic Course

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JUNE'S AUCTION

With Tony at the auctioneer's block our members left only five lots standing after the bidding was done. No one was biting at the high grade large cents which were passed on but a lot of interest was shown in the '46 dollar. Again, a number of bargain were had as several lots went for reserve value.

A reminder: Members are welcome to submit material for the auction. Simply bring the lots to Scott Douglas who will grade the coins and assign their estimated value. The Commission is only \$.25 for lots selling at less than \$20 and \$1.00 for lots selling over \$20.00. So why not clear out some of those doubles?

Members are also invited to set up tables at the meetings. Whether you want to barter off some goods or just display your collection interest, please do so.

DRAW WINNERS

Robert Zmija and Bob Service were the big winners, both collecting PL sets in June's draw.

THE MAIN EVENT FOR JULY'S MEETING

Your own SWCS president, Scott Douglas has prepared a presentation on the architectural medals of Jacques Weiner for our gathering in July. Scott will have a slide show for us and will bring some samples of these truly exquisite medals. Scott has also provided a brief summary of the life and work of this

renowned engraver which you will find attached to your bulletin. (Behind the auction list)

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Meetings

7:30 on the first Wed. of every Month
at the Eramosa Community Library (Rockwood)

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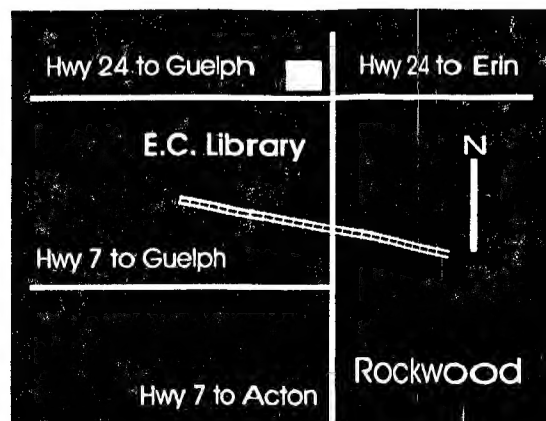
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AUCTION FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 2nd 1997

<u>LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST.VALUE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
1.	Canada Uncirculated Set 1968 + 2 1968 Nickel Dollars (<u>Small Island</u> Var.) ?????		\$ 6.00
2.	Canada: <u>Mint</u> roll 1994 Half-Dollars (will include some <u>dot G</u> varieties) ?????		\$15.00
3.	Newfoundland 50c Piece 1880	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
4.	Canada 5c Silvers 1907,1909,1910,1915.	\$25.00	\$12.50
5.	Canada Silver Dollar <u>Uncirculated</u> Toronto Sesquicentennial 1984	\$30.00	\$15.00
6.	Canada 50c Piece 1944	\$20.00	\$10.00
7.	Canada 50c Piece 1955	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.50
8.	Canada 50c Piece 1965	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50
9.	Canada 50c Piece 1966	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50
10.	Sweden 5 Kroner Silver 1966	\$20.00	\$10.00
11.	Austria 25 Schillings 1958	\$ 8.50	\$ 4.25
12.	Greece 50 Drachmas 1988	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
13.	Canada:1992 25c Set in vinyl holder. ?????		\$ 4.75
14.	United States Nickel-clad Dollar 1974D	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
15.	George Washington Silver Comm. 50c (In plico-film, in box of issue) 1982 ?????		\$ 6.00
16.	United States Silver Eagle 1986	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
17.	United States 25c Piece 1960 + United States 25c Piece 1964D (.900 silver)	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00
18.	Trade Dollars: Gander Newfoundland 1982-1989 - 8 pieces	\$30.00	\$15.00
19.	Canada Silver (.800) Dollar 1962	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
20.	Canada Silver (.800) Dollar 1964	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
21.	Canada Silver (.800) Dollar 1965 TP1	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
22.	Canada Silver (.800) Dollar 1966	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
23.	Canada Silver (.800) Dollar 1967	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50
24.	Canada 50c Pieces (2) 1974&1976	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50
25.	Canada 50c Pieces (3)1993,1994,1995.	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00

The Architectural Medals Of Jacques Wiener

Jacques Wiener was born in 1815 of parents of Hungarian origin. They settled in Venlo, then situated in Belgium, in 1817 when Jacques was just two years old. He was the oldest of three brothers who were to become famous as medalists.

Wiener apprenticed at the age of 13 to his Uncle L. Baruch Wiener, a fine engraver in his own right, and went to live in AIX-LA-CHAPELLE (Aachen) about forty miles southwest of Cologne, Germany. Here he studied drawing, modeling and engraving for seven years. It was common in this day to be apprenticed with a friend or relative at the age of 12 or 13 and then at the age of 20 to carry on in his own work. This, however, was not enough for Wiener and at the age of 20 he left his Uncle for Paris to engage in four more years of study. In 1839 Jacques would return to Belgium to settle there as an engraver.

The first medal that Jacques Wiener would engrave would be of a deep emotional nature; a medal that commemorated the surrender of the town of Venlo to the Dutch in 1839. This medal was to bring lasting recognition and orders for more medals.

At the age of thirty Wiener had the idea of making a medal showing the outside of a church on one side and the interior on the other side. He engraved 10 medals of famous Belgian Churches. This was followed with a series of 41 medals, issued between 1850-1865, illustrating the most famous of European buildings. It is for these fantastic Architectural engravings that Jacques is best remembered today.

Wiener went on to engrave many of the Civic buildings of Belgium. Later, the words of a contemporary critic were to prove prophetic..... "more durable than the buildings they represent, they (the medals) will have the advantage of perpetuating for future generations the noblest examples of the architecture of the past." Many of the represented buildings were destroyed by the gunfire and bombs of two world wars, however, the medals of Jacques Wiener survive.

One of the most remarkable features of the Wiener architectural medals is the way in which he has succeeded in giving an impression of 3Dimension in a relatively shallow engraving. Wiener designed each medal so that the high points of relief on the obverse corresponded with the incuse portions of the reverse assuring that the metal would flow flawlessly into the dies. The rims were raised to protect the high relief.

Wiener also was known to have engraved the first Belgian postage stamps and for 16 years was head of the Government office issuing these stamps.

For Jacques Wiener the strain of producing more than 300 dies of such minute detail as is in his engravings had a drastic effect on his eyesight. By 1872, at the age of 57, Wiener was almost completely blind. With the help of his two brothers, Charles and Leopold who were talented in their own right, Wiener continued to work until about 1877. He would live in retirement for another 22 years until he died in 1899 at the age of 84.

The legacy of fine architectural medallic art that has been left by Jacques Wiener for us to enjoy is something that no one before or since has come close to achieving.

Scott E. Douglas